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"Brick House"
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1-"BRICK HOUSE"

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Owner: Paul JacksonDate of erection: Probably early eighteenth centuryPresent condition: Good; restored; original interiors removedDescription:

Story and a half; brick ends of Flemish bond; front and rear weatherboards; gable roof; inside end chimneys. Front five bays, center door; original sash 9/9, now superseded by 6/6. The roof is pierced by five modern dormers in the place of old ones removed many years ago.

The interior has a center hall with an enclosed stair ascending from the rear. At the left are two small rooms with corner fireplaces; to the right is a large room with a narrow parlor chamber behind it. The whole left front room and parlor were originally paneled, this paneling now being removed to the Copeland house in Wilmington, Delaware. The wall paneling was two panels high with a chair rail and was similar to that at the Cupola House in Edenton. The fireplace wall of the parlor had a mantelpiece and two arched cupboards set off by Ionic pilasters. The over-mantel was of an extraordinary baroque form.

Additional data:

According to tradition, "Brick House" was built by Edward Teach, known as Blackbeard the Pirate. Stones inscribed with his initials and the dates 1700 and 1709 are said to have been found at the building. The architectural character of the house makes it seem possible that it was built the first quarter of the eighteenth century, during Blackbeard's lifetime. About 1750 the property was owned by Robert Munden, but nothing further is known of its history.

References: North Carolina Guide, p. 278
Old Homes and Gardens of North Carolina, pl. 29

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